Windows XP Installation Addendum

Installing Software

When installing an *Action*tec Wireless Adapter (PC Card, USB, or PCI) into a computer using the Windows XP operating system, follow the instructions below:

1. Ensure your computer is turned off.

2. Install the *Action*tec Wireless Adapter hardware (see "Connecting Your *Action*tec Wireless Adapter" in the user manual for instructions).

3. Turn your computer on.

4. Insert the Wireless Adapter Installation CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive.

5. Windows XP detects the Wireless Adapter hardware, and the "Found New Hardware Wizard" screen appears.

6. Click **Next** to begin the Wireless Adapter software installation process.

7. A final screen wizard notifies you when the installation is finished. Click **Finish** to complete the process.

8. The "Wireless Connection" icon appears in the task bar tray (located on the lower right-hand side of your computer screen).

    ☞ *Note*: Installation of your Wireless Adapter does not automatically connect you to a wireless network. To connect, ensure there is a properly configured wireless router, access point, or computer in the vicinity, then proceed with the instructions on the following pages.

Using Windows XP to Connect to a Wireless Network

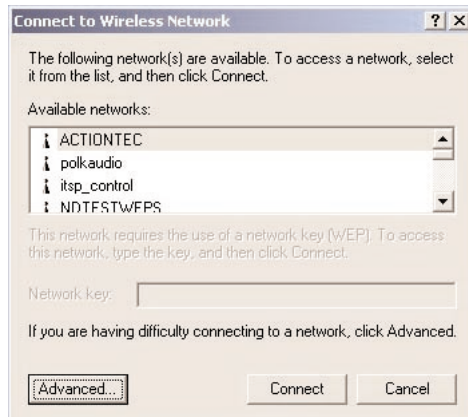To connect to a wireless network using Windows XP, follow the instructions below:

1. Right-click on the "Wireless Connection" icon in the task bar tray (located at the lower right-hand corner of your computer screen).

2. Select **View Available Wireless Networks** from the menu that appears.

3. The "Connect to Wireless Network" window appears. In the **Available networks:** list box, choose the network you want to join, then click **Connect**.

☞ *Note*: When choosing a network from the **Available networks:** list box, both standard wireless networks (i.e., networks connected via a wireless router or access point) and ad hoc networks (computer-to-computer networks) will be listed, if available.

4. If the wireless network to which you want to connect requires an encryption key, enter the key in the **Network key:** text box.

5. Click **Connect**. You are now connected to a wireless network.

Using Windows XP to Create an Ad Hoc Network

To create an ad hoc (computer-to-computer) network using Windows XP:

1. Perform steps 1 and 2 from "Using Windows XP to Connect to a Wireless Network," above.

2. When the "Connect to Wireless Network" window appears, click **Advanced**.

3. The "Wireless Networks Connection Properties" window appears. Select **Wireless Properties**.

4. In the "Preferred" section, click **Add…**.

5. When the "Wireless Network Properties" window appears, click to activate the box next to **This is a computer-to-computer (ad hoc) network; wireless access points are not used**.

5. Enter the network name in the **Network name** (**SSID**)**:** text box.

8. Click **OK**. In the "Connect to Wireless Network" window, choose the network you have just created. You have created a wireless ad hoc network. Other computers can now join your wireless ad hoc network.

⟺ *Optional*: To disable Windows XP's control of wireless networking, click **Advanced** in the "Connect to Wireless Network" window. When the "Wireless Network Connection Properties" window appears, uncheck the **Use Windows to configure my network settings** box at the top of the window. You can now use the *Action*tec software tool to configure your wireless network (see "Configuring the *Action*tec Wireless Adapter" in the user manual for more information).